

the bill (S. 440) to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. PETRI, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MINETA, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. RAHALL as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that the House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1530) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the House bill (except for sections 801-803, 811-814, 826, 828-832, 834-838, 842-843, 850-896) and the Senate amendment (except for sections 801-803, 815-818, 2851-2857, and 4001-4801) and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. KASICH, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BUYER, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. JONES, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. PETERSON of Florida.

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of sections 801-803, 811-814, 826, 828-832, 834-838, 842-843, and 850-896 of the House bill and sections 801-803 and 815-818 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. SPRATT.

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of sections 2851-2857 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. MONTGOMERY.

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of sections 4001-4801 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. PETERSON of Florida.

As additional conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 2 of rule XLVIII: Mr. COMBEST, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, and Mr. DICKS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Agriculture, for consid-

eration of sections 2851-2857 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. DE LA GARZA, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 601 and 3402-3404 of the House bill and sections 323, 601, 705, 734, 2824, 2851-2857, 3106-3107, 3166, and 3301-3302 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. SCHAEFER, and Mr. DINGELL: *Provided*, That Mr. OXLEY is appointed in lieu of Mr. SCHAEFER for consideration of sections 323, 2824, and 3107 of the Senate amendment: *Provided further*, that Mr. BILIRAKIS is appointed in lieu of Mr. SCHAEFER for consideration of section 601 of the House bill and sections 601, 705, and 734 of the Senate amendment: *Provided further*, That Mr. HASTERT is appointed in lieu of Mr. SCHAEFER for consideration of sections 2851-2857 of the Senate amendment.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, for consideration of section 394 of the House bill, and sections 387 and 2813 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. CLAY.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of sections 332-333, and 338 of the House bill, and sections 333 and 336-343 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CLINGER, Mr. MICA, Mr. BASS, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Mrs. MALONEY.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of sections 801-803, 811-814, 826, 828-832, 834-840, and 842-843 of the House bill, and sections 801-803 and 815-818 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CLINGER, Mr. HORN, Mr. DAVIS, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Mrs. MALONEY.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of sections 850-896 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CLINGER, Mr. DAVIS, and Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of sections 4001-4801 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CLINGER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. HORN, Mr. DAVIS, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. SPRATT.

As additional conferees from the Committee on House Oversight, for consideration of section 1077 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HOYER.

As additional conferees from the Committee on International Relations,

for consideration of sections 231-232, 235, 237-238, 242, 244, 1101-1108, 1201, 1213, 1221-1230, and 3131 of the House bill and sections 231-233, 237-238, 240-241, 1012, 1041-1044, 1051-1064, and 1099 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. ROTH, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. LANTOS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 831 (only as it adds a new section 27(d) to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act), and 850-896, of the House bill and sections 515, 1075, and 1098 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. GEKAS, and Mr. CONYERS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Rules, for consideration of section 3301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. BEILENSEN.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 203, 211, and 214 of the House bill and sections 220-221, 3137, 4122(a)(3), 4161, 4605, and 4607 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. WALKER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. BROWN of California.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 223, 322, 2824, and 2851-2857 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. OBERSTAR.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Veteran's Affairs, for consideration of section 2806 of the House bill and sections 644-645 and 4604 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 705, 734, and 1021 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. STARK.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1617. An Act to consolidate and reform workforce development and literacy programs, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1456. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety

Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a response to the Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1457. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of action relative to the Eldorado International Airport, Bogota, Columbia; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1458. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the budget estimate for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1459. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1460. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-294. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to military retired pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-295. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to the retention of military commissaries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-296. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to cost-of-living adjustments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-297. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association relative to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-298. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"RESOLUTION NO. 38

"Whereas, Americans recognize and appreciate the enormous sacrifices made by United States military personnel who served courageously in the Vietnam War and the conflict in Southeast Asia, some of whom are still classified as missing in action; and

"Whereas, while the status of most of the American soldiers who lost their lives or were injured during this long military engagement is certain, the fate of more than 2,000 military personnel remains unknown decades after the United States' final withdrawal from Vietnam; and

"Whereas, the unresolved status of those brave individuals is, understandably, a source of great concern for their families, their friends, and their fellow citizens and represents a chapter in our nation's history that cannot be satisfactorily concluded until their whereabouts are known; and

"Whereas, recognizing the important of this vital obligation to American military personnel and their families, the United States Congress has sought to locate these

individuals in the past and should continue to take all necessary steps to fulfill this important duty in the future: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the 74th Texas Legislature hereby request the Congress of the United States to continue its efforts to determine the location and status of all United States military personnel still missing in Southeast Asia; and, be it further

"Resolved, That official copies of this resolution be prepared for the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the President of the Senate of the United States Congress, and all members of the Texas delegation to the Congress."

POM-299. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

"Whereas, California is proud to be the home of millions of active and retired military personnel; and

"Whereas, these personnel and their families have earned the right to have access to quality health care because of distinguished service to our state and country; and

"Whereas, this quality health care is to be delivered through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniform Services (CHAMPUS) program; and

"Whereas, these personnel and their families have already been seriously inconvenienced by the actions of the federal government in closing many of the military bases where they customarily received their medical care, forcing them to travel great distances to receive medical care from different providers; and

"Whereas, these personnel and their families were again inconvenienced by the action of the federal government in changing the administration of the CHAMPUS program last year. These changes required some of these military and veteran families to change medical providers, and to travel greater distances to receive medical care; and

"Whereas, the Federal government is contemplating making even further major changes to the CHAMPUS program. These changes will cause dislocation in the provider networks that will require that military families endure a stressful transition to new doctors and providers; and

"Whereas, many of these changes will result in fewer medical providers available to families which will adversely affect medical quality: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the United States Department of Defense to make every effort to ensure that the commitment made to provide medical benefits to our military and veteran families through the CHAMPUS program be honored, and that when changes are contemplated for the program that priority be given to protecting the benefits of military and veteran families by ensuring that quality medical care is available at convenient locations for these families, and in doing this, that the Department of Defense take into consideration the impact and the dislocation caused to military and veteran families by previous changes to the program and that any future changes be designed to minimize further dislocation and to enhance the CHAMPUS program rather than to reduce the benefits already earned by our military; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to

the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Secretary of Defense, to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States."

POM-300. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

"Whereas, McClellan Air Force Base, located in the City of Sacramento, California, is one of the five major Air Force logistic command centers in the United States; and

"Whereas, this base has been a major aircraft repair facility for almost 60 years; and

"Whereas, McClellan is one of the largest United States Air Force bases as well as the largest employer in northern California; and

"Whereas, McClellan is the home facility for other critical and essential military organizations, including the Coast Guard Rescue Service, a Reserve Tanker Wing, and a National Guard Tanker Unit; and

"Whereas, the base plays a key function in supporting the responsibility of the entire Air Force and has been a major maintenance and support element in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Gulf Conflicts, as well as fulfilling numerous other tactical maintenance requirements; and

"Whereas, McClellan has been a part of the State of California prior to the buildup of our armed forces during World War II and its capability could not be duplicated today without a major expenditure of funds; and

"Whereas, McClellan Air Force Base is geographically and strategically located on the West Coast and serves as a gateway to our forces in the Pacific Basin; and

"Whereas, McClellan has developed extremely advanced technology not only for aircraft maintenance but for medical research as well as composite research that is world renowned; and

"Whereas, Potential loss both to the personnel at McClellan as well as the State of California that would result from closure of the base is inestimable in terms of technology, health and welfare, jobs, and community spirit. Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, the President and Congress of the United States to consider the strategic importance of McClellan Air Force Base and to oppose proposals to close this important military installation; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to the President and Vice President of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

*John T. Conway, of New York, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 1999.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be